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In re Application of  
Chandra V. Mouli and Ceredig Roberts  
Application No. 09/648,044  
Filed: August 25, 2000  
Attorney Docket No. MIO 0054 PA  
Title: METHOD AND DEVICE TO REDUCE  
GATE-INDUCED DRAIN LEAKAGE (GIDL)  
CURRENT IN THIN GATE OXIDES MOSFETS

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(a), filed on April 7, 2003, which is properly treated as a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a) to withdraw the holding of abandonment.

The petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a) is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR §1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed April 5, 2002, which was re-mailed on February 24, 2003. The re-mailed final Office Action reset the period for reply for three (3) months from February 24, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on March 27, 2003, indicating that the application had gone abandoned for failure to respond to the original final Official Action, mailed on April 5, 2002.

It is decided that the Notice of Abandonment was sent in error. In view thereof, the petition under 37 CFR §1.181(a) is **GRANTED**. The holding of abandonment is hereby **WITHDRAWN**.

No petition fee is required, and none has been charged to petitioner's credit card.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 2800 for further processing of the after-final amendment filed on March 5, 2003.

Telephone inquiries regarding *this decision* should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0011.

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